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CENTRAL OREGON—Brook Muller: Ecology and the Architectural Imagination

Friday, September 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Brooks Room, Deschutes Public Library, Wall Street, Bend

OLLI-UO kicks off our fall programming in Central Oregon with guest speaker

Brook Muller, interim dean and associate professor in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts at the University of Oregon. His research bridges design theory and ecologically responsive practice. His topic, Ecology and the Architectural Imagination, is fitting as we remember this 2001 date in our history.

Muller, a core faculty member in the Environmental Studies Program, states “Architects, by their focusing design efforts on the functional integrity of ecosystems, can expand ideas of the performance, nature, and beauty of the city.”

This program will be held in the Brooks Room of the Deschutes County Library. With seating for 75, OLLI members are welcome to bring a friend.

Following the program, please join us for a “No Host” Happy Hour from 4:00–7:00 p.m. in the Smoke Room at McMenamins. McMenamins is located in downtown Bend and is just a short stroll from the library.

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EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Using Zebrafish as a Model to Understand Development and Disease of More Complex Animals

Wednesday, September 2, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

One of the biggest recent breakthroughs in biology was the realization, near the end of the 20th century, that all animals share a core set of genes that regulate their development and physiology. In practice, this means that scientists can learn about mechanisms important for human biology and disease by studying essentially any organism that has attributes that make it particularly amenable to experimental investigation. The late George Streisinger developed zebrafish as a model organism for genetic research at the University of Oregon (UO) in the late 1960s. Cellular, molecular, genetic, developmental, behavioral, and evolutionary aspects of animal biology can easily be studied in zebrafish because fertilization and growth occur outside the mother’s body and zebrafish embryos are transparent and develop rapidly. These attributes allow investigation of early development in real time. Genetic similarities between zebrafish and other animals make zebrafish a powerful model not only for learning basic biological processes in complex animals that are more difficult to study, such as humans, but

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OLLI-CO Committee Update

It is the beginning of the new academic year and the start of a newly formed Membership Committee.

The major task of the Committee will be to act

as the liaison between the Central Oregon membership and our site's Governing Council, and other committees. We hope to accomplish this through several mechanisms:

1. At the beginning of fall classes a Participation Survey will be available that will ask you to indicate the classes you generally attend, what your interests are, and if you are getting to know your fellow OLLI members. Surveys will be collected during the quarter and the results compiled at the end of the term. Surveys will include space to express your thoughts relative to programming preferences as well as various aspects of local operations. The survey results will be shared with appropriate committees and Council.

2. The Committee intends to contact new members as they join and three months after to find out how they are enjoying their participation and what might be done to enhance their membership experience.

3. To have a new members' orientation several times a year, to meet and inform new members of how OLLI-EO works in Central Oregon, what future programming will be, and let them interact with each other, and the Council, and committee members socially.

We are hopeful that through participation surveys, increased committee contact, and several new member orientations, we can create good communication between the membership and the Governing Council and various committees. We want to provide an even better experience for all of our membership.

Burt Litman,
Membership Committee Chair

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Dean Conger: Reflections on a Career

Tuesday, September 29, 1:30–3:30 p.m., UO Bend Center
Join OLLI-EO and photographer **Dean Conger** for a visual journey of his 45 years as a photojournalist, much of that time at National Geographic.

Conger concentrated on what he refers to as “seeing and capturing moments in the lives of ordinary people.” He made more than 30 trips to what was then the Soviet Union, photographing for *National Geographic* magazine and for the National Geographic book *Journey Across Russia*. That effort won him a citation of excellence from the Overseas Press Club and the World Understanding Award from the University

of Missouri in partnership with the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) and Nikon.

His fast-paced presentation will show highlights from the Mercury space program, Mongolia, China, the Soviet Union, Brunei, and other countries.

Annual OLLI All-Member Picnic

Sunday, September 13,
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

The Gazebo at Mountain High Golf Community, 2840 Knott Road, Bend Summer is flying by... It's already time for the Annual OLLI Picnic.

This is a great opportunity to socialize with your OLLI colleagues and share your “How I spent my summer vacation” stories!

Please register for the event, submit a \$5 per person contribution to

cover the cost of a main dish and nonalcoholic beverages, and inform us of any food restrictions. You are welcome to bring beer, wine, or other beverages of your choice.

We are also asking that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. If your last name begins with the letters “A” through “M”, please bring a side dish. Side dishes may include green salad, potato salad, baked beans, 3-bean salad, fruit salad, and so on. If your last name begins with the letters “N” through “Z”, please bring a dessert. Desserts may include pies, cookies, cupcakes, and so on.

Finally, we need volunteers for set up and clean up. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact Terry Schwab at 650-619-0300 or terry_schwab@yahoo.com

For questions or more

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information, contact Terry Schwab at the phone and e-mail above. To register online, go to <http://bit.ly/1JOHcaH>. To register and pay by phone, call 800-824-2714. Please register by September 4.

Medical Rounds for Everyone: Grand Rounds Cases

Thursdays, September 3 and 10, 1:30–3:30 p.m., UO Bend Center
The final two sessions of Grand Rounds Cases are scheduled for September 3 and 10. Larry Weinberg is “keeping his cards close to his chest,” but we understand that both classes have guest doctors coming to speak. Come to the final sessions and meet the mystery docs!

Summer Documentaries: Final Films

***The Winding Stream,* 2014—90 minutes**

Wednesday, September 2
The film illuminates the foundation-forming history of the multigenerational musical family, the Carters. Country music would not be what is without them.

***Man on Wire,* 2008—94 minutes**

Wednesday, September 9
A look at tightrope walker Philippe Petit’s daring, but illegal, high wire routine performed between New York’s World Trade Center’s twin towers in 1974, what some consider, “the artistic crime of the century.”

Fall Study and Discussion Groups

Nonfiction Book Group

***Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt* by Michael Lewis**

Tuesdays, September 15 and 29, 10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center
In the spring of 2007, Brad Katsuyama, a rising New York banker at the Royal Bank of Canada, realized something was funny with the markets. He was trying to buy 10,000 shares of Intel, offered at \$22. But the moment he pushed the buy button, the offers vanished. It was as if the market were reading his mind and adjusting the prices just before he made his trade. He wasn’t far off. (WSJ.com)

In Michael Lewis’s game-changing bestseller, a small group of Wall Street iconoclasts realize that the U.S. stock market has been rigged for the benefit of insiders. They band together—some of them walking away from seven-figure salaries—to investigate, expose, and reform the insidious new ways that Wall Street generates profits. If you have any contact with the market, even a retirement account, this story is happening to you. (Goodreads.com)

Facilitator: Bill McCann

Page-turners, Fiction Book Group ***In the Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez**

Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center
During the last days of the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic, three young women, members of a conservative, pious Catholic family, who had become committed to the revolutionary overthrow of the regime, were ambushed and

assassinated as they drove back from visiting their jailed husbands. Thus martyred, the Mirabal sisters have become mythical figures in their country, where they are known as las mariposas (the butterflies), from their underground code names.

Herself a native of the Dominican Republic, Alvarez has fictionalized their story in a narrative that starts slowly but builds to a gripping intensity. Each of the girls—Patria, Minerva and Maria Terese (Mate) Mirabal—speaks in her own voice, beginning in their girlhood in the 1940s; their surviving sister, Dede, frames the narrative with her own tale of suffering and dedication to their memory. (Publishers Weekly)

Facilitator: Rod Charney

Writers’ Bloc

Thursdays, September 10, 17, 24, 9:30–11:30 a.m., UO Bend Center
The writers will be coming back into the classroom bringing with them the poetry, songs, essays, memoirs, and fictional stories they have been penning over the summer. Crossing from one genre to another keeps it fresh. Some aspire to be—or are—published writers; they learn from each other and occasional invited workshop leaders.

Everyone is welcome to join the writing group no matter what your skill level is. The sharing and gentle critiques help each of us to improve in expressing our thoughts. We hope to see some new faces in September!

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1 Tuesday

Noon—Round Table Luncheon—Greg's Grill at The Old Mill District
[social] For reservations contact Harlie Peterson, 541-593-2015, harliepete@hotmail.com, by Monday, August 31.

2 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Summer Documentary Series [film series] *The Winding Stream* Facilitator: Linda Charny (UOBC)

3 Thursday

1:30 p.m. Medical Rounds for Everyone: Grand Round Cases [DVD study/discussion group] Facilitator: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

8 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-turners Book Group
[book group] *In the Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez.
Facilitator: Rod Charny (UOBC)

9 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Summer Documentary Series [film series] *Man On Wire*
Facilitator: Rod Charny (UOBC)

10 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group]
Facilitators: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

11 Friday

1:30 p.m. Ecology and the Architectural Imagination [lecture] Presenter: Brook Muller (Brooks Room, Deschutes Public Library)

13 Sunday

11:00 a.m. Annual OLLI All-Member Picnic [social] preregistration required. (The Gazebo at Mountain High Golf Community)

15 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group [book group] *Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt* by Michael Lewis. Facilitator: Bill McCann (UOBC)

16 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Culture and Human Geography [DVD study group] Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

17 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group]
Facilitators: Gerry Sharp and Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. A New History of Life [DVD study group] Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

18 Friday

10:00 a.m. OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Governing Council [meeting] (UOBC)

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22 Tuesday

1:30 p.m. Program Committee [meeting]
Location TBD

23 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Culture and Human Geography [DVD study group] Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

24 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group]
Facilitators: Gerry Sharp and Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. A New History of Life [DVD study group] Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

29 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group [book group] *Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt* by Michael Lewis. Facilitator: Bill McCann (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Reflections On A Career [lecture] Presenter: Dean Conger (UOBC)

30 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Culture and Human Geography [DVD study group] Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

31 Thursday

1:30 p.m. A New History of Life [DVD study group] Facilitator: Jim Hammond (UOBC)

Locations

All meetings are held at the UO Bend Center, 80 NE Bend River Mall Drive, unless otherwise stated.

Key

UOBC = UO Bend Center
TBA = To Be Announced

Parking at the UO Bend Center

OLLI-UE members and their guests may use the shopping mall parking spaces adjacent to the UOBC when attending OLLI meetings and classes. Please note that the parking lot in front of the Duck Store should be left open for the store's customers.

OLLI attendees needing accessible parking may use the designated space in front of the Duck Store.

During the winter months, OLLI members and their guests may park in the Duck Store lot if snow and ice have not been plowed from the shopping mall parking lot.

Questions?

Call 800-824-2714

Grid calendars available from the office or online at <http://osher.uoregon.edu>

Renewals

Mail renewals and membership applications to:

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Weekly Reminders

Course updates and reminders are e-mailed to OLLI-UE Central Oregon members on Friday afternoons. The weekly reminders highlight the coming week's events. The e-mail sender is: University of Oregon Academic Extension, and the message subject line reads: UO OLLI -CO Weekly Reminder.

If you are not receiving weekly reminders and would like to be included in future e-mail announcements, please contact the OLLI-UE Membership / Academic Extension Office at 800-824-2714, or osher@uoregon.edu

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-turners Fiction
Group: second week.

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book
Group: third and fifth weeks in
September.

Noon First Tuesday Luncheon at
Greg's Grill in the Old Mill District

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Documentary Film
Series: first and second weeks
in September.

10:00 a.m. Understanding Culture
and Human Geography: third,
fourth, and fifth weeks in
September.

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writer's Bloc: second,
third and fourth weeks in
September.

1:30 p.m. Medical School for
Everyone: The Grand Rounds
Cases; first and second weeks in
September.

1:30 p.m. A New History of Life:
third and fourth weeks in
September.

We welcome member proposals for study or discussion groups! Share your interests and expertise with other members or explore a new topic together. Contact the OLLI-UO office, or the Central Oregon Program Chair, if you're interested in proposing or leading a new group.

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Understanding Cultural and Human Geography

Wednesdays, beginning September 16,
10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Bend Center

The community where you live, the food you eat, and the people you know are all part of a global chain of connections. Humans have transformed the planet over the past 10,000 years, and today, thanks to our transportation infrastructure, telecommunications, and a restless economy, the pace of globalization is accelerating. It is important to understand this chain of connections to tackle some of the biggest questions about human life on earth:

- Is our current population growth sustainable?
- How will we adapt to the changing climate?
- Why are some nations rich and others poor?
- What does globalization mean for local cultures?

Tackle these questions and more in this 24-lecture/12-week Great Courses DVD series, *Understanding Cultural and Human Geography*, which surveys the geographical context for human activity. Professor Paul Robbins of the University of Wisconsin–Madison takes us on an interdisciplinary voyage across time and around the world to consider the dual nature of our relationship with “place.” We’ll see how our environment influences human life, and consider the way human life, in turn, influences the environment. (The Great Courses)

Facilitator: Russ Hopper

A New History of Life

Thursdays, beginning September 17,
1:30–3:30 p.m., UO Bend Center
Life is stranger than fiction. Recent investigations hint at episodes in the history of life on Earth that rival the most imaginative movies. For example: Could our planet have been seeded with life from elsewhere? Did the development of life create conditions that threatened to poison the biosphere? How have natural forces conspired, over and over, to remove most traces of life from the planet? And how has life itself responded with determination to survive and thrive in a multitude of astonishing forms?

The story of our world and the different living things that have populated it is an amazing epic with millions of species both familiar and strange, exotic settings, planet-wide cataclysms, and surprising plot twists. Humans are only the latest characters in this long-running drama, which has always been utterly unpredictable, since periodic mass extinctions are inevitably followed by life rebounding in unexpected ways. Indeed, life and the planet have developed together, each driving the evolution of the other.

Dr. Stuart Sutherland, a professor in the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at The University of British Columbia–Vancouver, guides this 36-lecture/18-week Great Courses DVD series. (The Great Courses)

Facilitator: Jim Hammond

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Report from the Program Committee

The OLLI picnic July 24 at Armitage Park was a successful event that drew at least 40 members and spouses. Weather was pleasant, and scenery was lovely, presided over by a huge osprey in her nest. There was so much food no one had an excuse to leave hungry! We were treated to humorous skits presented by four members of the Play Reading Group: **Herb Wisner, Margaret Byrne, Joyce Salisbury** and **Chuck Adams**. Thanks go to **Bobbye Sorrels** for organizing our entertainment and to **Phyllis Villec** for leading us in a sing-along.

Events such as the picnic, trips to Ashland, the Portland Art Museum, and our annual holiday celebration require

a lot of planning and effort on the part of volunteering members. We no longer have a standing "Activities and Travel" Committee, so here's an appeal for interested members to speak up. We owe our gratitude to **Hazel Jones, Meribeth Olson, Pat Bitner, Corinne Hunt, Veronika Walton, Anne Mehl**, the late **Hal Riley**, and others who worked diligently for many years to plan and carry out events and travel experiences. A number of these activities have become traditions at OLLI, but they can only happen with interested volunteers. Please contact the Program Committee co-chairs, **Carla Orcutt** and **Beate Galda**, if you can help in any way.

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also for understanding human health and what goes awry in a variety of diseases. UO researchers use zebrafish as a model to understand the genetic, cellular, and molecular origins of many human diseases. This talk will describe some of this research and how it is supported by our newly renovated, LEED Gold certified Zebrafish Facility.

Judith Eisen is a professor of biology in the University of Oregon (UO) Institute of Neuroscience. She helped to pioneer zebrafish as a model organism in which to study mechanisms of vertebrate embryonic development, with a focus on the nervous system. Eisen is also co-director of the UO Science Literacy Program. This program was established in 2010 to increase science literacy among nonscience major undergraduates by improving the learning environment in their science courses, to provide training and professional

development in modern pedagogical methods and teaching best practices to science faculty to help them improve their teaching, and to train the next generation of science teachers in modern pedagogical methods.

The History of the Supreme Court
Wednesday, September 9,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

This course on the history of the Supreme Court will start from our First Chief Justice John Jay and go until we arrive at the Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Court and see what the changes and repercussions of the courts have been particularly Justice John Marshall and Justice Roger Taney.

Joel Marks received his bachelor of science degree from Southern Illinois University and his MBA from the University of Seattle. He did post graduate work in pharmaceutical sales, business, history, health science, public administration at University

of Montana, City University of Seattle, and Southern Oregon University. He has taught at the elementary school level, junior high school, and high school. Most recently, he has taught as an adjunct professor at Southern Oregon University (SOU) and for OLLI at SOU. Marks served on the school board for five years, the water and sewer board for two years, and the Rogue Valley Transportation District Transportation Board for 10 years. He is now retired after 32 years in pharmaceutical sales.

Marijuana 101: Answering the Questions You're Afraid to Ask
Friday, September 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Sales of small amounts of recreational marijuana through medical marijuana dispensaries will begin October 1 in Oregon.

On the eve of Oregon's foray into recreational use, many of us still have
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1 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] The World's Greatest Geological Wonders: Yellowstone—Geysers and Hot Springs; Kawah Ijen—World's Most Acid Lake. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:00 p.m. Solutions [discussion group] The Latest Cancer Advances. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading [study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

2 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations [discussion group] topic The Baltic States. Facilitator: Anne Kenney (CN)

1:30 p.m. Using Zebrafish as a Model to Understand Development and Disease of More Complex Animals [lecture] Presenter: Judith Eisen (AK/MX)

3 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Can We Redo the U.S. Constitution? Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

4 Friday

9:30 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee Meeting (CN)

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Roth (BZ)

Noon—October Newsletter Submission Deadline

7 Monday

UO and OLLI-UO Closed for Labor Day

8 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

9 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Short Story Discussion [study group] "Never Marry a Mexican" by Sandra Cisneros and "Betrayal" by Patricia Duncker. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

1:30 p.m. The History of the Supreme Court [lecture] Presenter: Joel Marks (AK/MX)

10 Thursday

10:00 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Jack Meacham (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Operas of Verdi Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

11 Friday

9:30 a.m. Governing Council Meeting (AK)

1:30 p.m. Marijuana 101: Answering the Questions You're Afraid to Ask [lecture] Presenters: Kathy Hahn, Keith McCann, and Joseph Hopkins (AK/MX)

14 Monday

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] topic TBA. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow, and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

Noon—Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

15 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] The World's Greatest Geological Wonders: Iceland—Where Fire Meets Ice; The Maldives—Geologic Paradox. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:00 p.m. Solutions [discussion group] Global Warming. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading [study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

16 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Day of Discovery [information session] Welcome to OLLI-UO

10:00 a.m. Day of Discovery [breakout sessions] preregistration required (AK/MX/CN)

11:00 a.m. Day of Discovery [breakout sessions] preregistration required (AK/MX/CN)

Noon—Day of Discovery [lunch and social] bring your own brown bag lunch or pre-order a box lunch for \$7 by 9/14/15. (AK/MX/CN)

1:00 p.m. Day of Discovery [lecture] Metaphors Will Change Your Life Presenter: Mark Johnson. preregistration required (AK/MX)

2:00 p.m. Day of Discovery [breakout sessions] preregistration required (AK/MX/CN)

3:00 p.m. Day of Discovery [information session] Questions and Answers. preregistration required (AK/MX/CN)

17 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Revamping the 3-R's—K through University. Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

Noon—Poetry Writing [study group] Facilitator: Gloria Wells (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

Eugene/Springfield

18 Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Roth (BZ)

20 Sunday

6:00 p.m. Dining with Friends [interest group] contact Bart Briefstein for additional information, letterstone@gmail.com

21 Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing [study group] Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

Noon—Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

1:00 p.m. Back to OLLI-UO: All Member Meeting (AK/MX)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

22 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group] *I Claudius* by Robert Graves. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

23 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Short Story Discussion [study group] "Reflections of Spring" by Duong Thu Huong and "The Twenty-seventh Man" by Nathan Englander. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

10:00 a.m. Understanding the Middle East [lecture] Presenter: Peter Bechtold (AK/MX)

Noon—Brown Bag Lunch with Peter Bechtold [special session] (CN)

1:30 p.m. U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East [lecture] Presenter: Peter Bechtold (AK/MX)

24 Thursday

10:00 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Jack Meacham (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Operas of Verdi. Facilitators: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Carolin Keutzer and Stan Cook (CN)

25 Friday

9:30 a.m. Program Committee Meeting (AK)

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Roth (BZ)

1:30 p.m. Creative Writing: A Nostalgic Coffee House Afternoon [presentation] Presenters: Creative Writing Critique class members (AK/MX)

28 Monday

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] topic TBA. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow, and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

Noon—Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

1:00 p.m. The Struggle for Justice in America: A Hollywood Perspective [film series] *The Front* Introduced by Howard Schuman (AK/MX)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

29 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] *The World's Greatest Geological Wonders: The Dead Sea—Sinking and Salinity; Salar de Uyuni—Flattest Place on Earth.* Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

30 Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Beethoven's Deafness [lecture] Presenter: Christine Coleman (AK/MX)

Locations

All meetings are held at Baker Downtown Center, 975 High Street, unless otherwise stated.

Key

AK = Alaska Room
MX = Mexico Room
CN = Canada Room
BZ = Belize Room
TBA = To Be Announced

Renewals

Mail renewals and membership applications to:

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Or drop them off at the office:
975 High Street, Eugene

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questions about the medical use of this herb. What conditions does it treat? How do you use it? Is it dangerous? Can I get in trouble? Will my doctor approve?

To learn answers to all these questions and more, join OLLI member **Kathy Hahn**, medical expert **Keith McCann** from “The Compassion Center”, **Joseph Hopkins** from “The Greener Side” dispensary, and a local grower on Friday, September 11, 1:30 p.m. The panel will entertain questions and a discussion after their presentation.

Metaphors Will Change Your Life

Wednesday, September 16,
1:00–1:50 p.m.

As part of OLLI’s Day of Discovery recruitment event, **Mark Johnson**, the UO Philip H. Knight Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will talk about recent research coming from cognitive science, philosophy, psychology, and linguistics. His research reveals that our most important ideas, such as our ideas about mind, self-love, knowledge, God, and moral goodness, are defined by multiple metaphors, rather than being absolute literal truths. This new research shows how we understand and reason via metaphors and has profound implications for how we should think about who we are, what our world is like, and how we ought to live.

Professor Johnson is the author of seven books and numerous articles. His most recent book, *Morality for Humans*, assess the recent upsurge of attention to empirically-based naturalistic conceptions of moral deliberation, judgment, and valuing, asking

what morality is, where it comes from, and how it changes over time. Professor Johnson received his BA in philosophy and English at the University of Kansas and his MA and PhD in Philosophy from the University of Chicago. Johnson has been in the Philosophy Department at the University of Oregon since 1994.

Members interested in attending, please register online or at the front desk for this OLLI lecture—space is limited. For more information on the Day of Discovery visit: http://osher.uoregon.edu/day_of_discovery/

An Update on the Middle East Region and U.S. Foreign Policy

Wednesday, September 23,
10:00 a.m.–noon and 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Dr. Peter Bechtold, chairman emeritus, Near East North Africa Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute, and recent director of the Middle East Studies Center of Portland State University, will return to OLLI-UO to deliver a two-lecture series on the Middle East. Dr. Bechtold, who has done “field research in 25 Middle East countries, from Egypt to Israel to Iraq to Kazakhstan to the Gulf” will provide additional insights into the Middle East and U.S. Foreign Policy during this one-day series.

In the morning session, discussion topics may include: the recently concluded but still unratified “Nuclear Deal with Iran;” the continuing fight with IS/ISIL/ISIS now involving Turkey, the Kurds in Syria and the U.S., Iran in Iraq; the Saudi-led bombing campaign in Yemen and the civil war in that country; “peace negotiations” between Israel and the Palestinians; the embers of the

mis-labeled “Arab Spring” in Syria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Bahrein and Saudi Arabia plus Yemen; and an update on the Taliban in Afghanistan.

In the afternoon session, Bechtold will discuss U.S. Foreign Policy toward the region, and specifically regarding the issues included in the morning session, which may include President Obama’s priorities for the last two years of his administration, including the question “is it about legacy or U.S. National Security interests?” If time allows, other topics could include fighting extremists/terrorists with drones, and an exploration of what foreign policy might be during a Trump presidency.

As usual, we will schedule an informal brown-bag lunch with Dr. Bechtold between the morning and afternoon sessions. Don’t miss this one-day intensive.

Creative Writing: A Nostalgic Coffee House Afternoon

Friday, September 25, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Members of OLLI’s Creative Writing Group will present the best of their craft in an atmosphere that takes us back to the 1960s. With Creative Writing’s facilitator **Livvie Taylor-Young** acting as MC, the day’s readings will be comprised of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and assorted other genres. They will also include previously published works, works in progress, complete stories and essays, and excerpts from much longer novels. Most important, the work is all original from the pens and computers of our Creative Writing Group.

So come and let OLLI’s Creative Writing Group transport you back to New York’s Greenwich Village, San

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Francisco's Hungry I and City Lights, and coffee houses all over Eugene. Hear thoughtful and thought-provoking poetry, prose, and other original works of your fellow OLLI members.—all presented in a nostalgic setting complete with...why give away secrets? You'll have to come and see for yourself.

Beethoven's Deafness

September 30, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

It is well known that composer Ludwig van Beethoven was deaf for most of his life. **Christine Coleman** has worked with an ear surgeon to create a video chronicling his kind of loss, and also has a display of eardrums. Their research is too late for the great composer, but fascinating for us to imagine what might have gone on in his head.

New OLLI Film Series: The Struggle for Justice in America—A Hollywood Perspective

Beginning Monday, September 28, 1:00 p.m.

Like any good art form, a strength of American cinema has been its ability to effectively hold up a mirror and reflect our society and our culture as seen and experienced by its various members and participants. Join us beginning September 28 for a new series of Hollywood films that depict the American struggle to realize, experience, and live up to our core values of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights in our own country. These are films that both celebrate our successes and progress in realizing our core values and shine a light on our individual and collective failures to understand, apply, or act consonant with those values. They include movies

reflecting many different genres, both drama and comedy (and yes, we expect you'll be surprised by some of the choices), and cover many years of film and American history. All in all, we think they are fine examples of the Hollywood perspective on American society and culture as well as truly successful and entertaining films.

The films in this series in planned order of presentation are *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, *His Girl Friday*, *The Front*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Norma Rae*, *All the Kings Men*, *Nine to Five*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Gentlemen's Agreement*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Little Big Man*, and *Network*. For the scheduled screening dates and more information about each film, please visit the OLLI website.

Please note that in fall, the films will definitely screen on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. There may be changes to the film schedule starting in October as a result of overall programming changes that are being discussed and considered for the benefit of all OLLI programming. However, since final decisions have not yet been made at the time this is being written, please keep a careful eye on the weekly program reminders that you receive by e-mail and on future newsletter calendars. We'll also give you a heads up at film screenings about any upcoming schedule changes.

See you at the movies!

New Academic Year, New Programming Schedule

I mentioned last month that the Council and Program Committee of the Eugene-Springfield site have been working out a new schedule. The new schedule will be implemented with

the beginning of the UO's fall quarter, the week of Monday, September 28.

The new schedule has two goals: The first is to create more time and space for new groups and new kinds of events. The second is to allow the program committee to arrange groups and events without having to worry about conflicts with events scheduled by other programs—OLLI-UO is only one of several Academic Extension programs that use the Baker Downtown Center.

The new schedule divides each week into a set of times and rooms for OLLI and a set for other AE programs. There's also a time frame in which rooms and times designated for OLLI or AE that are not scheduled by them in a given week may be made available to the other program for special events.

We worked to fit our current events and schedules into the OLLI time blocks. A handful of current groups will have to move days or times (Poetry Writing, Thinking Allowed, Solutions, Classics and Philosophy, Historical Novels, Short Story Discussions).

Also, all the groups meeting at 10:00 a.m. will be encouraged to begin at 9:30 a.m. We're asking for this so that groups can end at 11:30 a.m., and free up time in midday for new kinds of luncheon, social, and formal or informal discussions. Asking a group to meet from 9:30–11:30 a.m. is not that much of a change but if the group feels it does not want to start until 10:00 a.m., it should still finish by 11:30 a.m. Many groups do not now use their full two hours.

As part of the change our OLLI

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing Critique:
first and third weeks.

Philosophy Salon: second and
fourth weeks.

Noon—Beginning Spanish:
weekly.

3:45 p.m. French Language:
weekly.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and
Nonfiction: second and fourth
weeks.

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science:
first, third, and fifth weeks.

1:00 p.m. Solutions: first and third
weeks

Classics/Philosophy: fourth
Tuesdays.

3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading:
first and third weeks

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations:
first and third weeks

Short Stories Discussion: second
and fourth weeks.

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed: first
and third weeks

News and Views: second and
fourth weeks.

Noon—Poetry Writing: third week

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation:
second and fourth weeks.

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation:
weekly

Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish: weekly.

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site will no longer be regularly scheduling events on Fridays though there may be occasional special events on Friday. Instead of lectures on Wednesday and Friday we will schedule lectures for Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as some Tuesdays.

We will be having more brown bag lunches and one-of-a-kind luncheon events, sessions to answer your problems with technology, short courses lasting three or four weeks, and one-time events lasting more than two hours. Open your minds; we are eager for ideas and suggestions. These changes bring OLLI greater flexibility for new activities to enliven what we can offer to each other.

David Kolb, OLLI UO Eugene-Springfield Council President

New Payment Option for OLLI-UO Memberships

OLLI-UO rolled out a new payment option for membership fees last year: recurring monthly installments from your credit or debit card. This direct payment plan offers a convenient and affordable way to pay your membership fees through direct withdrawal deduction. Members choosing this option may request that the payments be made at either the beginning or end of each month.

For more information, please contact the OLLI-UO membership office at osher@uoregon.edu, or call the office 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday–Friday: 800-824-2714 or 541-346-0697 (in Eugene-Springfield).